

LICENSED HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MARCH 20, 2008 Meeting

Facilitator: Eric Weigel: Erie County Housing Coordinator (EHC)

Attending: Deborah Goldman and Don Dauman: Erie County Department of Mental Health, Celia Spacone and Daniel Smith: Buffalo Psychiatric Center; Alfred Halley: Cazenovia Recovery Systems; Chris Syracuse: Living Opportunities of DePaul; Pat Braciszewski: Greenwood Residences; Leslie Saunders: Mental Health Peer Connection; Jerry Scott and Richard Chiarill: New York State Office of Mental Health; Bob Roth: Southern Tier Environments for Living; Rosemary Duran: Transitional Services, Inc.;

Absent: Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers

Minutes: Christopher Kennedy: Assistant to Erie County Housing Coordinator

1. Housing System Data Maintenance – Deborah Goldman

- a. ECDMH and OMH are expecting an improvement in data tracking. We do not currently have aggregated information across the entire Housing Continuum in Erie County.
- b. Currently, there are multiple data sources and data outcomes from each of the types of housing (Supported v. Licensed, etc.). Some information isn't being collected and some is collected by not reporting.
- c. The purpose is to collect better and more consistent information without creating more work for Housing Providers.
- d. Three Options:
 - i. Develop an entire new data system that all information on all housing consumers in all levels of care will be entered into.
 - ii. Use a Data Warehouse.
 - iii. Use CAIRS. This option would require the completion of an additional form in CAIRS for tracking housing data.
- e. **Committee will look into using CAIRS in some way.** It is agreed to hold a Subcommittee to determine reporting frequency and best method for ECDMH to access information from all providers.
- f. Subcommittee: Meeting 9am Friday, April 4th, ECDMH 1226
 - i. Chair: Deborah Goldman
 - ii. Don Dauman
 - iii. Eric Weigel
 - iv. Mark Kraus
 - v. Mark Capitani
 - vi. BPC Rep to be Named

2. RFP Update

- a. RFP submissions due by Friday, March 28th

- b. Thirty BPC bed RFP will include Priority Admission Status for backfills.
- c. BPC is creating a floor of the RCCA and SOCR as a 'transitional' program, to prepare inpatients to move into Supportive Housing.
- d. BPC is working to ensure that Medicare and mainstream resources are in place before consumers enter Supported Housing.
- e. Based on need, BPC-ACT may or may not be linked with BPC consumers entering Supported Housing. The BPC's Supported Housing Program will continue to work with consumers moved into Supported Housing to ensure that transition is successful.
- f. Several agencies have expressed interest/intent to submit proposals

3. Revisit Priority Admission Status – Gerry Scott

- a. For BPC Supported Housing Beds, only the consumers entering housing – either Supported Housing or RCCA/SOCR – from Inpatient Psychiatric stay equal to or greater than one year length of stay count as priority admission for the purpose of this initiative.

4. Housing and Treatment Providers Meeting

- a. Rescheduled for Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING: May 15th